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SUBJECT.

Pilgrim Ships—Sailings—Passage Rates.

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By Order,

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

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PRESS COMMUNIQUE.

The following information is published for the guidance of pilgrims proceeding to the Hajj from India by the direct sea route:—

Programme of Sailings :—Messrs. Turner, Morrison & Company, Limited, Bombay, have notified the following sailings:—

S. S. "Jehangir" from Bombay, on the 3rd November and from Kurachi on the 7th November 1986.

S. S. "Islami" from Bombay on the 19th November and from Karachi on the 23rd November 1986.

S. S. "Alavi" from Bombay on the 8th December and from Karachi on the 12th December 1986.

Special sailings of pilgrim ships after the month of Ramzan will be as follows:—

S. S. "Islami" from Bombay to Jeddah direct on the 4th January 1987.

S. S. "Rohmani" from Karachi to Jeddah direct on the 4th January 1987.

The steamers and sailing dates are announced only provisionally. The Company will make every effort to keep the programme but retain the liberty to make such alterations and adjustments in it as may appear necessary. In addition to the abovementioned sailings, others will be arranged as required.

2. *Supply of food to pilgrims during voyage*.—All pilgrims will be supplied with cooked food by the Shipping Company during the voyage and cooking on board in pilgrims' private stoves or *sigrees* will be strictly forbidden.

3. First and second class pilgrims will be supplied daily throughout the voyage with morning tea, breakfast, luncheon, afternoon tea and dinner and all the usual table service will be provided.

4. Deck passengers will be supplied daily throughout the voyage with food on the following scale:—

(a) *Morning tea*—

- (i) One cup of tea.
- (ii) Two biscuits or one *chapati*, according to the pilgrim's choice.

(b) *Day meal*—

- (i) Rice or *chapatis*, according to the pilgrim's choice in such quantity as the pilgrim may require.
- (ii) One plate of mutton and vegetable mixed, on alternate days.
- (iii) One plate of vegetable dish, with or without dry fish, according to the pilgrim's choice, on days on which item (ii) above is not supplied.
- (iv) Dal in such quantity as the pilgrim may require.
- (v) *Kachumar* or pickles.

(c) *Afternoon tea*—

- One cup of tea.

(d) *Evening or night meal—*

- (i) Rice or chapatis, according to the pilgrim's choice, in such quantity as the pilgrim may require
- (ii) One plate of vegetable dish,
- (iii) Dal in such quantity as the pilgrim may require.
- (iv) *Kachumar* or pickles.

5. Every deck pilgrim will be required at the time of buying his ticket to inform the person who issues the ticket whether he—

- (i) will take rice or chapatis for the day meal and the evening or night meal; and
- (ii) whether he will or will not have dry fish with the vegetable dish to be served on alternate days at the time of the day meal.

6. Arrangements have also been made on every pilgrim ship to make available to pilgrims certain other articles of food on payment of extra charges at the rates specified below:—

<i>Name of article</i>	<i>Rate</i>		
	<i>Rs.</i>	<i>a.</i>	<i>p.</i>
Fowl (whole) with gravy	1	8 0 each
Fowl	...	0	7 6 per plate
Mutton korma	...	0	3 0 do
Kofta	...	0	3 0 do
Biryani	...	0	7 0 do
Kabab shami	...	0	0 9 each
Sardines	...	0	3 9 per tin
Egg (boiled)	...	0	1 6 each
Egg (fried)	...	0	2 3 do
Khichri pulao	...	0	4 6 per plate
Curry and rice	...	0	6 0 do
Rice	...	0	1 6 do
Paratha	...	0	2 0 each
Chapathi (without ghee)	...	0	0 9 do
Leavened bread	...	0	0 9 do
Biscuits	...	0	0 9 for two
Halwa or Pudding	...	0	8 0 per plate
Sweetmeats	...	0	6 0 per seer of 28 tolas
Dal	...	0	1 3 per plate
Tea (without milk)	...	0	0 9 per cup
Tea (with milk)	...	0	1 0 do
Coffee (with milk)	...	0	2 0 do
Soda water	...	0	1 6 per bottle
Lemonade and other aerated waters (sweet)	0	2 0 do	
Lemon squash	...	0	2 0 per tumbler
Syrup (lemon)	...	0	1 6 do
Syrup	...	0	12 0 per bottle
Butter	...	0	12 0 per tin
Ghee	...	0	12 0 per pound
Jam	...	0	6 0 per tin
Pine apple	...	0	8 0 do
Condensed milk (Anglo-Swiss)	...	0	12 0 do
Condensed milk (Cow's Head)	...	0	4 6 do
Sugar	...	0	2 3 per pound
Chutney	...	0	12 0 per bottle
Oranges	...	0	1 6 each
Sweet lemons	...	0	1 6 do
Apples	...	0	2 0 do
Plantains	...	0	0 6 do
Hot water	...	0	0 6 per gallon

7. Any medicines or any articles of special diet for infants or invalid or sick persons brought by pilgrims for use during the voyage will, when necessary, be cooked free of charge in the ship's kitchens.

8. All cooks and attendants employed on board the ship for cooking and serving the pilgrims' food will be Muslims.

9. Every deck pilgrim will have to provide his own plates, cups and other receptacles in which food may be served to him during the voyage.

10. Pilgrims will be allowed to take water from the "waste-not" taps fitted to the tanks on board the ship during four periods of two hours each, namely:—

- (i) 5 A.M. to 7 A.M.
- (ii) 12 NOON to 2 P.M.
- (iii) 4 P.M. to 6 P.M.
- (iv) 8 P.M. to 10 P.M.

The Master of the ship will, however, have discretion to ration fresh water if and when considered necessary.

11. *Steamer fares.*—The maximum pilgrim fares to Jeddah which Messrs. Turner, Morrison & Company, Limited, have fixed for the coming Haj season are given below:—

		Single with food	Return with food
From Bombay	First class	Rs. 412	Rs. 626
	Second class	287	451
	Deck	118	178
From Karachi	First class	400	602
	Second class	275	427
	Deck	115	172

In the case of children under 10 years of age these fares will be less by the following amounts, on account of food charges.—

		Single	Return
From Bombay	First class	Rs. 19 8 0	Rs. 39 0 0
	Second class	19 8 0	39 0 0
	Deck	5 0 0	10 0 0
From Karachi	First class	18 8 0	27 0 0
	Second class	18 8 0	27 0 0
	Deck	3 8 0	7 0 0

12. *Charges for the transport of pilgrims and their baggage from ship to shore and vice versa at Jeddah.*—The arrangement for the transport of pilgrims and their baggage from ship to shore and vice versa at Jeddah will continue as before and the Shipping Company will collect at the time of issuing tickets an extra sum of Rs. 2-4-0 per return ticket and Rs. 1-2-0 per single ticket on account of transport charges.

13. *Deposit for the purpose of defraying the cost of the return voyage from Jeddah.*—If a pilgrim travelling by the lowest class available on a ship is not in possession of a return ticket, he will have to deposit with the Executive Officer of the Port Haj Committee of the port at which he proposes to embark for the purpose of defraying the cost of the return voyage from Jeddah, the sum mentioned below:—

Port at which the pilgrim proposes to embark	In the case of a pilgrim of the age of ten years and above	In the case of a pilgrim under ten years of age	In the case of a pilgrim of the age of ten years and above		
			Rs.	a.	p.
Bombay	61 2 0	56 2 0			
Karachi	58 2 0	54 10 0			

The deposit includes Rs. 1-2-0 per head on account of the transport of the pilgrim and his luggage from the shore to the ship at Jeddah on the return journey.

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